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In re Patent Application of:
Katsuki Hazama

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For: GAME MACHINE AND INFORMATION
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM USING DATA
CARRIER

Examiner: R. E. Mosser

TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPEAL BRIEF

MS Appeal Brief - Patents

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief" mailed November 29, 2006, and as required under 37 CFR § 41.37, the attached Supplemental Appeal Brief is submitted within one (1) month of the mailing date of the Notification, thus making the due date Friday, December 29, 2006.

No fees are believed to be due with this Supplemental Appeal Brief, as a four (4) month extension of time was previously provided in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal.

The Supplemental Appeal Brief is believed to be in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.37 and M.P.E.P. § 1206.

Specific comments are provided below with reference to the lettered paragraphs in the Continuation Sheet (PTOL-462) of the Notification:

A. Although the “Conclusion” section VIII. was presented before the Appendices A-C, as would be expected, to further prosecution of the Appeal, section VIII has been removed.

B. Section VI has been revised to remove previously submitted subsection C, and Section VII (“Arguments”) has been revised to add a subsection directed to the separate arguments for patentability of claims 39-40.

C. Section V.B. has been corrected to provide the previously overlooked citation to the disclosure.

D. Optional section V.A. has been revised to remove discussion of unrecited elements in the overview. The claimed invention is set forth in section V.B. with reference to the disclosure.

E. Section V.B. has been revised to more clearly articulate the specific disclosure supporting all means-plus-function limitations presented under 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph.

Accordingly, entry of the Supplemental Appeal Brief is requested so that an Examiner’s Answer may be received.

Dated: December 26, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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